GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7207
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COLLAPSE OF SODA ASH INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soda-ash industry of India and certain other countries like Chile, Brazil and Taiwan is on the verge of collapse due to onslaught of a cartel of seven soda-ash producers and American Natural Soda-Ash Corporation in this field; and

(a) if so, the efforts made/proposed to be made by the Union Government to save the soda-ash Industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No Sir. The Soda Ash industry in India is not on the verge ofcollapse due to onslaught of a cartel of seven Soda Ash producers and the American Natural Soda Ash Corporation in this field.

(b) Does not arise.